

## Charges Traded in Congress Campaign

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Democrat James C. Kellis today charged that Oakland county Republicans, particularly his Nov. 8 opponent, Congressman William S. Broomfield, are avoiding 1960's prime issues by tilting at a straw man of their own making: labor's position in the Democratic party of Oakland county.

This parallels use of the religious issue on the national level, to sidetrack the campaign away from the real issues, Kellis said.

Kellis said, "My opponent has chosen to become the spokesman for this attack on labor rather than to debate the real issues. I have several times challenged him to debate. He has not deigned to answer."

### By Others—

Not so, says Broomfield. "We have been invited to debate the issues before several groups throughout the county," Kellis said. "I have, without exception, accepted. He has, without exception, refused."

Kellis said, "The repeated speeches and press releases from the Republican party alleging that unions have taken over the Oakland county Democratic committee are false and misleading."

"There are two members of labor unions on the executive board of six. There are eight members of unions on the 37-member executive committee."

### Statements—

Broomfield told a women's club in Rochester Wednesday that "the union bosses . . . illustrated the scope of their power when they took over the control of the Oakland county Democrat organization lock, stock and barrel."

Broomfield warned his audience that "good government in Oakland county is being threatened as never before by organized labor."

Oakland county GOP Chairman Arthur G. Elliott Jr. blasted August Scholle, state AFL-CIO president and a strong influence in the new Oakland county Democratic party, for Scholle's statement that inviting Republican candidates to Labor Day celebrations would be something like inviting Nikita Khrushchev to a Fourth of July party.

### Needle—

Elliott challenged Scholle to "make public records of expenditures and show how much of AFL-CIO funds have been spent in truly bipartisan political education."

Kellis said Broomfield refused to debate because "either he knows little of the major issues or he is so confident that he feels he can ignore the issues and the

voters' right to know where he stands."

Kellis, ex-Air Force officer who worked with the Central Intelligence agency and NATO, publicly challenged Broomfield to debate foreign and defense policies, both heavily criticized by the challenger.

### 2 Meetings Set—

Broomfield said today he has had no invitation to debate from Kellis. The Congressman said, "The only invitation has been through the public press. I don't consider that an invitation."

"The people are well-acquainted with my record; it is up to him to tell them where he differs."

Broomfield said he and Kellis will share platforms in October. The Congressman listed two appearances promoted by the League of Women Voters and a 10-minute program on WPON radio Pontiac.

The latter, Broomfield said, may be a true debate.